

REMARKS


Claims 54-56 and 58-93 are pending in the application. Claims 54, 58-63, 66, 67, and 70-93 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 55, 56, 64, 65, 68, and 69 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claims 54, 63, and 89 are being amended to include the limitation of objected to claim 68. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are now moot and request that the rejections be withdrawn. No new matter is being introduced by way of the amendments.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all now pending claims (claims 54-56, 58-67, and 69-93) are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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